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SIR:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

### REFERENCES

- The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references, some of which are cited in the attached International Search Report listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of reference(s) AA, AO through AQ, have been received by the U.S. PCT Receiving Office from the International Bureau as acknowledged in the Notification of Acceptance.
- A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

### RELATED CASES

- Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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### CERTIFICATION

- Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
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- Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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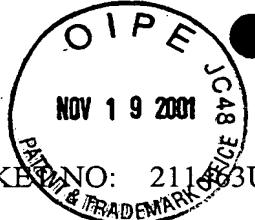
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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

**Reference AR (JP 2606761) on Form 1449:**

This reference is discussed in the specification.

**Reference AS (JP 64-500355) on Form 1449:**

This reference is discussed in the specification.